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Belleville offers jobs to workers aged 14-24

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

The Belleville City Council accepted a \$47,497 grant from the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority to hire young employees part time until the money is gone, which has to be by Oct. 1.

The news about the grant was a last-minute addition to the city council's meeting agenda on Monday and the council unanimously accepted the grant.

The Youth Employment funding is for 12 people between the ages of 14 and 24, who will work an average 28-30 hours a week.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said the employees do not have to live within the city of Belleville.

"We will have a short application form and they will be hired first-come, first-served," said City Manager Diana Kollmeyer.

Those interested should contact Kollmeyer at city hall.

The youthful workers will be used to give TLC to the parks, Main Street, and downtown, work in the offices, offer senior and veteran services, do voter registration, and, if the city can find someone qualified, redo the city website.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council:

- Heard a presentation by Don Bluhm on the deteriorating sidewalks in the city, asking the council to look at fixing them so people in wheelchairs can travel around town. Bluhm said since his accident he has been confined to a wheelchair and he has found some difficulties. He gave a similar report to the council a year ago, but little has been done. Mayor Conley said she will place it on the council's follow-up list and when the DPW director returns from vacation he will study the problem and give a report to the council. She promised to invite Bluhm to that meeting;

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Summertime in downtown Belleville includes the car show every Monday afternoon that shuts off Main Street between Fifth and Third streets and spills over onto Roys and Fourth streets. It's sponsored by the Bayou Grill and is attended by car lovers from all over. On Monday there were around 300 cars parked to be admired. Food and music make it a pleasant outing for families.

DDA decides to rebid landscaping for Ecorse/Belleville

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

At its regular meeting June 23, the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority decided to rebid its landscape work for the corner of Ecorse and Belleville roads.

DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland said there was some confusion with the bids and so, in fairness, the DDA decided to reject the bids it had and rebid.

"It's the fair thing to do," Ireland said, noting she didn't want any criticism of the DDA over the process.

Bid opening was on June 22 and two firms submitted bids: Cadillac Asphalt bid \$267,644.29 and WH Canon Inc. bid \$266,000.

The DDA's cost estimate had been \$315,687, including the Wayne County permit fee.

James Allen, Director of Design for the DDA's planning consultant McKenna Associates, said while the two bids are close, WH Canon's bid price included \$38,155 for excavation of all plant beds to install new plant mix, one lawn fertilization, and two mows. Cadillac Asphalt's bid did not include this service.

Allen recommended approving WH Canon to provide landscape services for a fee of \$286,000, which includes a 10% contingency fee of \$26,000 for any unforeseen additional expenses. The contingency fee, if needed, was to be administered by Ireland.

Allen noted that WH Canon has an excellent reputation with past projects that included: Milford DDA Streetscape, Campus Martius, Ford Road - Canton DDA, and Greenfield Village.

But, Allen's recommendation memo had a typo, stating WH Canon had bid \$260,000

instead of its bid of \$266,000, which still was the lower bid. So, the contingency fee was wrong, as was the total. However, Canon was still the low bidder.

This was the confusion, plus the extra work listed, that made the DDA decide to rebid.

Present at the meeting was Randy Brown who runs a local landscaping business and works in cooperation with Cadillac Asphalt.

In other business at the June 23 meeting, Ireland reported:

- The sidewalks are under construction along the north side of the I-94 North Service Drive and hotel management is happy. She said Davenport has 45 calendar days for substantial completion and 70 calendar days for final completion;

- The township's electrician was due to be at the Belleville/Quirk Road Monument area on June 23 to provide a cost estimate to bring the electric there up to code (and avoid the issue the DDA had with the

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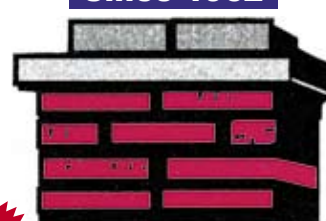
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Man hit by train identified as missing Belleville fire fighter

On Monday, the missing fire fighter from Belleville was identified as the pedestrian struck and killed by a train in Wood County, Ohio, last week.

The Wood County Sheriff's Office was on the scene of a pedestrian that was struck and killed by a train at 4:45 a.m. June 30 in Portage, Ohio.

The deceased was transported to the Lucas



missing on June 28.

County Coroner's Office and has been positively identified as Timothy Forrest Graves, 22, from Belleville. The Taylor, MI, Police Department reported Graves

The Wood County Sheriff's Office found Graves' Saturn at the rest stop in Bowling Green a few days after he was reported missing.

Graves was a paid-per-call firefighter in Belleville and was last seen leaving his place of employment after his shift ended about 10 p.m. June 28. He worked as an EMT at HealthLink Medical Transportation,

26150 Northline Road in Taylor. He was wearing his HealthLink uniform and was presumably heading home to Belleville when he dropped out of sight.

The death remains under investigation awaiting the Wood County Coroner's report.

Court Watching:

Rosas held on \$500,000 bond for Sumpter roller rink stabbing

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Ralph Rosas, 28, of Saginaw, is facing numerous charges stemming from his part in a violent incident during a private party at the Rollers Skate Park in Sumpter Township on Oct. 31, 2014.

Rosas was arraigned June 22 at 34th District Court on a four-count warrant.

Charges are one count each of assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, armed robbery, and assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault). He also was charged as a habitual offender.

His probable cause hearing had been set for July 1 and his preliminary exam for July 15 at 34th District Court. He is being

held in the Wayne County Jail on \$500,000 bond or 10%.

Rosas is alleged to have taken part in several separate incidents that night, including a stabbing, felonious assault, and the armed robbery of three separate security guards who were working the party.

The stabbing victim, one of the three security guards involved, was transported to the hospital with life-threatening injuries, but survived and has since recovered.

Rosas is charged the same as two other individuals who are alleged to have taken part in the incidents with him. The other two co-defendants remain at large and are actively being sought.

They are Robert Kristopher Stilson, 25, and Santino Dominick Deleon, 23, who

also is considered a habitual offender.

Sumpter police was assisted in Rosas' apprehension by a Saginaw Bay area law enforcement task force.

Rosas had served 6 years and 8 months in prison on a plea deal on drug charges and a felony firearm charge originating in Saginaw County. He was discharged from prison on June 1, 2013.

The lengthy and exhaustive investigation in the Halloween incident was headed by Sumpter Police Detective/Corporal John Toth, with assistance from Corporal John Ashby and Officer George Salajan. The



Ralph Rosas

case was then presented to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office who approved the charges.

After the violent episode on Halloween, when the roller rink had been leased to a fraternity from Eastern Michigan University for a party, rink owners came under pressure from the township to tighten up their leasing procedures. The rink owners had immediately decided never to lease to fraternities again.

After many township meetings and hot exchanges, an attorney for the roller rink owners agreed to some tighter rules for parties that weren't just roller skating.

Court Watching:

Zumbro bound over to face charges on sex with teenager

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Robert Charles Zumbro, 34, of Sumpter Township has been bound over to the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice to face three counts of criminal sexual conduct with a 14-year-old female acquaintance that allegedly began in April.

On July 1, 34th District Court Judge David Parrott bound Zumbro over to the higher court after Zumbro waived his right to a preliminary exam.

Zumbro was scheduled to face a judge on July 8 for an arraignment on the information. Zumbro is being held in the Wayne County Jail on bond of \$250,000 or 10%. His court-appointed attorney David Lankford asked the judge to have Pretrial Services consider a reduction of bond and Judge Parrott agreed, but said, for now, the



Zumbro

present bond is continued.

Zumbro was arrested on June 11 following an investigation by Sumpter Township Corporal John Ashby and Det./Cpl. John Toth. The case was then submitted to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office who approved the charges.

The investigation started on June 2 after a complaint to the department by the juvenile's mother upon her learning of the sexual encounters between Zumbro and her daughter.

Criminal sexual conduct in the third degree is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 15 years.

A person is guilty of criminal sexual conduct in the third degree if the person engages in sexual penetration with another person and if that other person is at least 13 years of age and under 16 years of age.

Terrance Antwan Carlton
Christopher Michael Miller

Charges against Terrance Antwan Carlton, 27, and Christopher Michael Miller, 30, were dismissed without prejudice by

Judge Parrott when the witnesses against the alleged co-conspirators failed to show up to testify against them in a preliminary exam.

The incident was a Craigslist crime involving a puppy and felonious assault with a motor vehicle.

Both defendants were charged with armed robbery, larceny from a person, and assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) in an incident on Feb. 1, 2014 in Van Buren Township. Carlton also was charged with assault.

Carlton had retained attorney Joseph Wagner and had posted the \$10,000/10% bond.

Miller's retained attorney was Michael Vincent. Miller's bond was \$5,000 or 10%, which he posted.

Vincent said this is the second time the preliminary exam was scheduled and witnesses did not show up, referring to a June 10 court date. On that date, a female attorney said she was Carlton's new attorney said she needed time to come

up to speed on the case, so Judge Parrott adjourned the case until July 1.

Miller's case had been adjourned in the past waiting for co-defendant Carlton's case to catch up.

Vincent said a VBT detective made 30 phone calls the morning of July 1, but still there are no witnesses to testify.

Judge Parrott said the prosecution cannot continue without witnesses, but he said the charges could be refiled.

Det. Mark Buxton was the officer in charge.

Brandon Scott Freeman

Brandon Scott Freeman, 27, was due to have a probable cause hearing on charges of controlled substance/delivery of marijuana, but waived his upcoming preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court. Judge Parrott signed a discovery order for the defense attorney.

He is due for his arraignment on the information on July 15. He had a \$2,000 personal recognizance bond and his

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OPINIONS

Editorial

VBT Public Safety millage decision delayed to July 21

Although Van Buren Township supervisor Linda Combs had said at a special work/study session on June 30 that the township board would again discuss the proposed Public Safety Millage request at the July 6 meeting, that didn't happen.

A final decision was supposed to be made at the Tuesday, July 7, meeting, but that didn't happen, either.

When John Delaney questioned Supervisor Combs about that on Monday, she said on June 30 she "misspoke" and didn't give the clerk's staff time enough to prepare it for the meetings.

Combs said she would have a proposal to present to the board at the July 21 meeting and there would be no discussion on it at the July 20 work/study session.

Our report of the June 30 work/study session on our July 2 front page raised some ire in the community and had the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters' negotiators questioning what was going on. The union has to be advised if the township is considering a full-time department and the union said it wasn't advised.

A decision on how much millage the township wants on the November ballot will be decided July 21 – we think.

Whether it will be 4 mills renewal or 6.5 mills or somewhere in between the public will have lots to say. The school district will probably place its sinking fund renewal on the same ballot.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

One of our Belleville readers said she read the story last week about the surveys the residents of Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township are being asked to take.

She wanted to know if the city of Belleville is planning on doing a survey, too. She said after she got her property tax bill last week, she wanted to tell the city things.

The main thing she wants for Belleville is a grocery store that the residents can walk to.

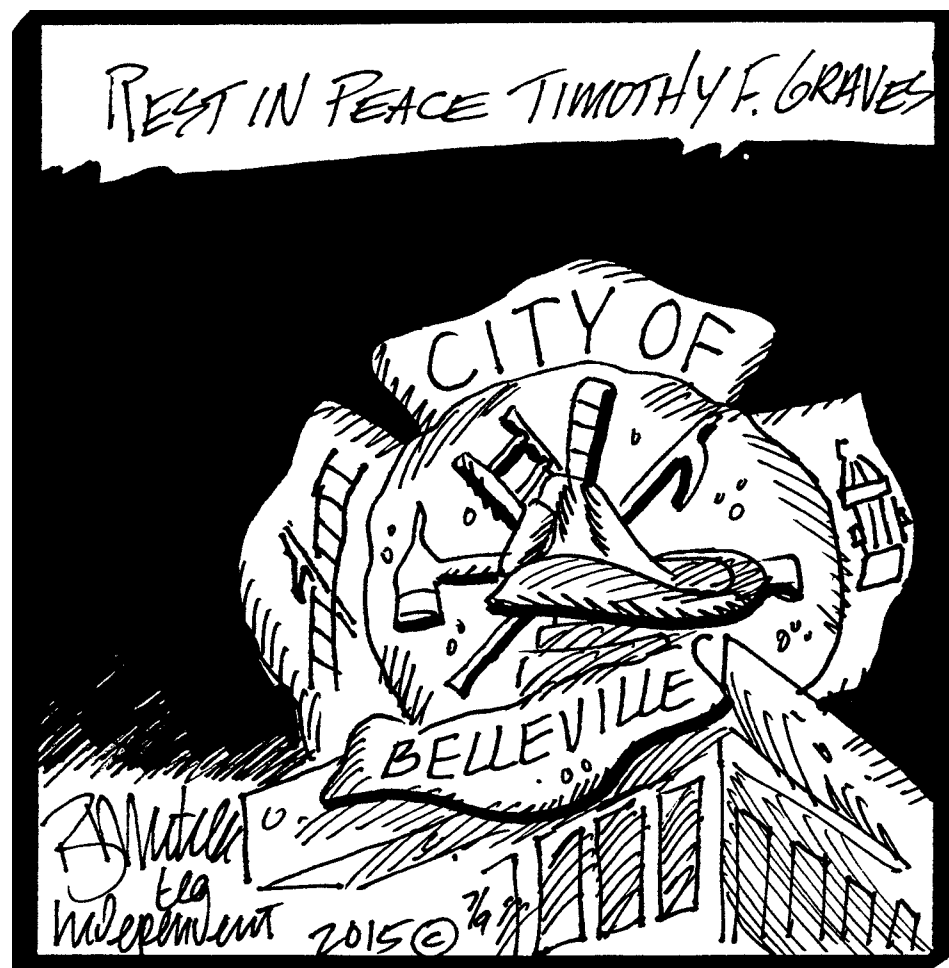
Rawsonville Road, at West Huron River Drive, had been a really bad place to go for about two weeks. Now, everything is back to normal.

The Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority (YCUA) first reduced traffic to one lane each way on Rawsonville between West Huron River Drive/Textile and Grove roads to try to figure out a sewer problem under the roadway.

Then, after finding the problem, it completely cut off southbound Rawsonville to traffic, which made people crazy. Northbound was single lane, but it was open. (Residents in southern VBT and in Sumpter Township found they could get to the I-94 expressway, but couldn't come home that way.)

On July 1, YCUA sent out a news release saying it opened Rawsonville Road with one lane in each direction after completing a major sewer repair.

After the new pavement is completely cured, they guessed on July 2, Rawsonville was to be completely opened up both ways. Thank you, YCUA.



After reading in last week's paper about the fake AT&T people going door to door in Van Buren Township, a resident of Haggerty Sub. ran off a couple of young men in AT&T shirts on Thursday afternoon.

He was glad to know AT&T doesn't go door to door, so he knew these guys weren't real AT&T employees.

Bob McKenna of Van Buren Township showed me an email communication, which supposedly was from PayPal, but wasn't.

PayPal was supposedly double-checking his information and wanted his date of birth, mother's maiden name, social security number, and home phone number, plus the number of his credit/debit card, expiration date, and card verification number.

Bob said he knew it was a scam and he wanted other people to be alerted and on guard. Thanks, Bob.

Huron Township will be the site of a new 16-parcel, 134-acre industrial park on land near I-275 and Sibley Road. It's next to the failed Pinnacle Race Course, but the race course is not a part of the project.

The announcement was made June 18 by VantagePort, which is the former Detroit Region Aerotropolis, of which Huron Township is a charter member.

The new project is headed by the Pauls Real Estate Investment group out of

Denver.

John Enos, CEO of VantagePort, praised Huron Township and its community development department for securing this new development in the VantagePort region.

One of our readers suggests the proposed casino could be built on this site.

During his report to the city council Monday on the deterioration of the sidewalks and crosswalks in the city, Don Bluhm again mentioned that there is no sign saying High Street at the corner of High and Main Street. Bluhm traverses the sidewalks in the city in his motorized wheel chair and he said drivers often call out to him, "Where's High Street?"

He said if the city wants to have events on High Street, such as the Taste of Belleville and the weekly concerts, it might be good to have a sign telling visitors where the street is.

One observer said that you could just tell visitors to follow the sign that says Kayak Launch.

Bluhm also said he felt sorry for the seniors in Columbia Court who are also in wheelchairs having no good place to cross West Columbia Ave. He said now they drive their wheelchairs heading from one driveway to another across the street.



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Letters

**Let's do something
about our school district**

To the Editor:

Articles have been written in the past about teacher morale. It took losing a terrific principal/teacher before people started opening their eyes.

Losing Mrs. Villa is a big loss to this school district. Not just Mrs. Villa, but other good teachers that retired earlier than they wanted to, all because of the current administration.

Get rid of the problem before more great staff is lost.

Another point, about mismanaging funds: The previous afternoon custodial supervisor was certified in the storm water drain area. Mr. Williams had to get certified, then in doing so got a sizable raise.

People, take your heads out of the sand and open your eyes. There is just so much wrong with this school district. I'm sure elsewhere, also. But let's do something about ours.

Thank you,
Dolores Nedeau
Sumpter Township

**How about a dinner to
honor city fire fighters?**

To the Editor:

After reading the minutes from the last Belleville Council meeting regarding the shirts that the fire fighters wore during Strawberry Festival, I am wondering if it is time to thank our city fire fighters for their service to the city and surrounding area.

I am proposing that residents and any other interested individuals/businesses sponsor a dinner for the brave and untiring men for their response to many life-threatening episodes that they are called to respond to any time of the day or night.

I wonder how many of us would jump from a sound sleep to climb aboard a fire engine to aid in putting a fire out or rescue someone from a wrecked/burning vehicle, or to assist another municipality with their

fire or life-threatening problems.

Am I alone in considering this opportunity to say thanks? Along with the fire fighters, there are 10-12 men and women serving on the auxiliary who help by providing help and sometimes food and water to the firemen while they are performing their tasks.

If you are interested in helping, please contact me at (734) 697-9376 and leave a message if I am unable to answer the phone. I will return your call.

Sincerely,
Kay Atkins
Belleville

**Disappointed the
Pottawotomies omitted**

To the Editor:

I was disappointed to hear that native Pottawotomies were omitted in Mary Sherwood's talk at the library about Belleville history in a recent article.

Their history here is ancient, more than a thousand years being Algonquin as are Chippewas and Ottawas of Michigan. The Moundbuilders were before them going back 10,000 years!

The remnants of their presence can be discovered by arrow heads that scatter former hunting grounds of the city like on Martindale Rd. They inhabited both sides of the Huron River undoubtedly according to Brenda Bentley, author of *Riverwalks Ann Arbor* and to omit them is another form of genocide.

The Treaty of Detroit ceding the area opened up the travesty of the anxiety of ethnic cleansing to Kansas and Oklahoma in the 1800s that is still felt today. Perhaps a statue honoring their presence and their culture can replace that of Rene Robert Cavalier, a notorious land grabber of the 17th century, on Savage, a road that needs its name changed to something less offensive.

Patricia D. Myles
Ypsilanti

Editor's Note: It was my reporting that omitted Mary Sherwood's mention of the Indians. She talked of them, quoting from the Sumpter history book through 1910 by Jean Hartwig Nugent. Then, she told of her own experiences over the last 65 years she has lived in the township.


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July 14 – Becky Thornell
July 17 – Matthew Rossi
July 19 – Shae Millard
July 28 – Eileen Graham

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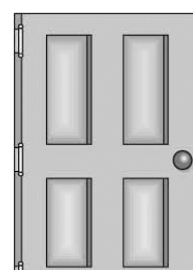
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Obituaries



Gail Lynn Armatis

GAIL LYNN ARMATIS

(July 22, 1957 – July 3, 2015)

Gail Lynn Armatis, age 57 of Belleville, died July 3, 2015.

Gail was the loving wife of Francis "Butch" for 21 wonderful years; beloved daughter of Esther (the late Alexander) Krushlin; dear mother of Christopher (April) Brown and Laura (Jason) Reeves and stepson, Douglas (Melissa Miko) Armatis; proud grandmother of Kyleigh, Christopher, Robert, Cevin, Charles, Curtis, Cody and Mackenzie; cherished sister of Cheryl (Robert) Krefman, Julie (The late Harold) Bergquist, Patrick Krushlin, Michael (Mary) Krushlin, Terri (David) Archer.

Gail is also survived by her brothers- and sisters-in-law Rick (Denise) Armatis, Christine (the late John) Sakewski, Debra (Thomas) Busch and Cathy (James) Sykes; mother-in-law, Pauline (the late Frank) Armatis; several nieces and nephews; and her grand dogs "Porkchop" and "Opie."

Gail was very active in St. Paul Lutheran Church. She also enjoyed working with the Sumpter Seniors, fishing, and meeting with "The movie girls."

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM, Thursday, July 9, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig St., New Boston. Gail's family will receive guests at the church, one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow at Michigan Memorial Cemetery, Flat Rock.

Visitation was held at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Wednesday, July 8, from 2-8 PM. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family, which will use the contributions to their wishes.

Thank you for keeping the Armatis family in your thoughts and prayers at this sad time. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



JOSEPH T. FERRO

(March 8, 1932 – June 24, 2015)

Age 83 of Detroit. In keeping with Mr. Ferro's wishes a simple cremation has been arranged. Interment of remains will be held at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, at a later time. David C. Brown Funeral Home.

NELLIE H. BUCHHOLZ

(January 24, 1918 – April 5, 2015)

Age 97, formerly of Belleville, died in Traverse City. Survived by son Richard Coleman and daughter Lynda (Jack) Hascall. Memorial service at 2 p.m., Sunday, July 12, at David C. Brown Funeral Home.



Karla Kay Bloodworth

KARLA KAY BLOODWORTH

(March 2, 1957 – July 3, 2015)

Karla Kay Bloodworth, age 58, of Tawas City, MI and formerly of Belleville, went to be with her Lord and Savior on July 3, 2015 at her home with her loving family by her side. She was born on March 2, 1957 in Taylor, MI.

Karla retired from General Motors in 2007 after a career that spanned 32 years. She loved Jesus Christ her Lord and Savior first and foremost along with her family. Karla was all about "people" and she especially enjoyed time with others in addition to her hobbies of camping and fishing. She was a member of the Antioch Baptist Church in Belleville, MI as well as the Alabaster Bible Church in Tawas City, MI.

Karla is survived by her husband Tom, who she married on August 29, 1975; son Jason (Jennifer) Bloodworth of North Carolina; father George Madden of Dearborn, MI; mother Betty Lewis of Baldwin, MI; half-brother Michael Madden; and her three grandchildren Caleb, Aaron and Anna Kay.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Antioch Baptist Church in Belleville, MI and the family received friends at the church prior, from 4-7 p.m. Interment took place following a graveside service on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 11 a.m. at the Sims-Whitney Cemetery in Au Gres, MI. Memorials may be directed to the Alabaster Bible Church and you may offer condolences at www.bureshfuneralhomes.com.

Vacation Bible School set by Mt. Hermon Baptist at Owen School

"Team: Possible," the Vacation Bible School program for Mt. Hermon Baptist School families, is set from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 13-17, at Owen Intermediate School, 45201 Owen Street, Belleville.

The He-Brews Café will be open daily during that week from 5:30 to 6 p.m. serving a free family dinner.

Activities include private eye lessons and mystery activities for the children, youth, and family program. A Vacation Bible School Rally will take place on Sunday, July 19.

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- **Thursday, July 9** – Music Lakeside starts at 7 p.m. with Monsieur Guillaume & His Zydeco Hepcats (Zydeco) at Horizon Park in downtown Belleville. Free.
- **Friday, July 10** – Friends Church Family Drive-in Theater FREE Movie at 9:12 p.m. At Friends Field, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. Featuring: “One Church” state premier. (734) 482-5074, www.friendsfamilytheater.com
- **Saturday, July 11** – 5K run/walk starts at 9 a.m. at Lower Huron Metropark to earn funds for Duo, an organization helping Special Olympics families. A Family Field Day starts at 11 a.m. Information: (734) 277-3547.
- **Saturday, July 11** – The Belleville Historical Society field trip to the Westland Historical Village starts by meeting at the Belleville museum at noon. Call 697-1944 for information.
- **Saturday, July 11** – Guiding Harbor/Girlstown invites you to an open house and tour from 2 to 4 p.m. at 11875 Quirk Road, Belleville. See how your support helps provide foster care, supervised independent living, and residential treatment services. 697-4804
- **Saturday, July 11** – Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, is hosting a free car wash from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Small donation accepted to benefit an extension of the church’s community outreach services. Enjoy ‘50s and ‘60s pricing where a buck will get you a hot dog, popcorn and a drink. Rain day is July 18.
- **Sunday, July 12** – Friends of the Belleville Area District Library is again presenting the Garden Walk, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to earn funds for the library.
- **Monday, July 13** – Afternoon car show on Main Street, weather permitting. Sponsored by Bayou Grill.
- **Wednesday, July 15** – Van Buren Township’s Summer Concert series features Toppermost (Beatles Tribute) at 7 p.m. at Van Buren Park. Free concert, but must pay to enter the park.
- **Thursday, July 16** – Music Lakeside starts at 7 p.m. with The Swank Club (Caribbean Jazz) at Horizon Park in

downtown Belleville. Free.

- **Thursday, July 16** – Antiques Appraisal Fund Raiser at the Belleville Area Museum, 3-7 p.m. \$10 covers admission and first item. \$5 every item thereafter (limit 4). Also, yard sale at the museum.
- **Friday, July 17** – Friends Church Family Drive-in Theater FREE Movie at 9:09 p.m. At Friends Field, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. BBQ & ice cream night, all free. Movie: “Alone Yet Not Alone.” (734) 482-5074, www.friendsfamilytheater.com
- **Saturday, July 18** – Family Fun Day at Graham Park in Sumpter Township, put on by the Sumpter Parks and Recreation Commission.
- **Saturday, July 18** – Tai Chi for Health will be presented at 10 a.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. Instructor John Plevinski will lead an introduction to this martial art that combines breathing and relaxation with soft, flowing movements. Learn about the origin and benefits of Tai Chi as well as some basic movements. Sign up at the library.

VBT Rec. Dept. sets ‘Moth Mystery Night’

The Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department is celebrating National Moth Week with a “Moth Mystery Night” from 9 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, July 18, at Riggs Heritage Park.

Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$2 per person.

This nighttime program will focus on the butterflies’ lesser-known cousins, the moths. Bait and light stations will be placed along an easy walking trail to aid participants in luring in these mysterious creatures.

Children are encouraged to bring nets and bug catchers to help capture moths and other insects. Participants can bring headlamps and flashlights.

For more information, call (734) 699-8921.

“Being ignorant is not so much a shame, as being unwilling to learn.”
– Benjamin Franklin

St. Anthony Men’s Club sets golf outing for Aug. 1 at Fellow Creek

St. Anthony Catholic Church Men’s Club will hold a golf outing on Saturday, Aug. 1, at Fellow Creek in Canton.

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Court watching

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retained attorney was Mosabi Hamed.

Officer in charge was Van Buren Township Officer Matt Raschke.

Brian Thomas Gray

Brian Thomas Gray, 34, was charged with two counts of criminal sexual conduct in the second degree for a victim under the age of 13. His probable cause hearing was set for July 1 and his preliminary exam for



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July 15.

Gray was lodged at the Wayne County Jail on bond of \$10,000 or 10%.

The crime happened May 13 in Van Buren Township. Det. Donovan McCarthy was the officer in charge.

Christopher Allen Griggs

Christopher Allen Griggs, 26, waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on July 8 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

Griggs is charged with operating while intoxicated with an occupant younger than 16 years, assault on a police officer, and driving while license suspended-2nd time in the city of Belleville on June 12.

He is being lodged in the Wayne County Jail on bond of \$20,000 or 10%.

Belleville Cpl. Todd Schrecengost and Officer Matt Vandeweghe were the officers in charge.

Griggs' court-appointed attorney Christopher Kessell said there is a hold out of Washtenaw County for his client for a probation violation and if they come for him he can clear that up there.

Attorney Kessell said Griggs is married and has three children. The wife works odd jobs for her father's business and Griggs is on Social Security disability, he said.

Kessell said his client already had spent 21 days in jail and there is a minimum sentence of 30 days for his offenses.

Judge Parrott said the nature of the offenses are very serious and Griggs is a repeat offender. He said operating while intoxicated and accosting a police officer

are serious charges.

Judge Parrott agreed to send Griggs to Pre-Trial Services to reconsider bond.

Kessell said his client was in a vehicle because he was assaulted. He was afraid of being re-assaulted so he drove off.

As Griggs was being escorted back to the court lockup, his mother stepped forward and Griggs said, "I love you." Then his little girl in the front row called out, "Bye, Daddy," and the courtroom let out a sigh of, "Ahhhh."

Christopher Simons

Judge Parrott announced that charges of domestic violence were dismissed without prejudice by the prosecutor as Christopher Allen Simons, 25, stepped forward for his preliminary exam.

He was being lodged in the Wayne County Jail on bond of \$20,000 or 10% and he was set free.

Det. Ken Toney of Van Buren Township was the officer in charge.

Ernest Leon Trammell

Ernest Leon Trammell, 26, was due for his preliminary exam on charges of possession of fire arm by a felon, possession of ammunition by a felon, assault with a dangerous weapon (felony firearm), felony firearm, and domestic violence.

These crimes were alleged to have happened on May 7 in Sumpter Township.

The prosecutor dismissed charges three and five (domestic violence and felonious assault) and they continued with the rest of the charges.

Trammell waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on July 15.

His retained attorney is Vincent Haisha and he was out on posted bond of \$3,000 or 10%.

Officer in charge was Sumpter Officer Jerry Cox.

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— Abraham Lincoln

Knights Templar move from AA to Belleville's Masonic Temple

Ann Arbor Commandery No. 13 of Knights Templar is moving to Belleville after spending 150 years in Ann Arbor.

The commandery kicked off its presence in Belleville with its participation in the recent Belleville Strawberry Festival parade where members marched in their white, summer uniforms.

The group was chartered in Ann Arbor on June 14, 1865 and has spent the past 150 years in Ann Arbor serving as a place for Christian men of all denominations to learn from one another, serve their communities and practice Christian virtues.

The Knights Templar is an ecumenical fraternal organization with an oft-debated connection to the order of knighthood of the same name founded by the Roman Catholic Church in the 10th century.

Brandon Mullins of Belleville, Excellent Prelate, said, "If you're looking for a direct line of Grand Masters reaching back from Hugues de Payens in 1118 to today you aren't going to find one. But with that said, the traditions and values of the Knights Templar did not simply disappear when Philip IV of France and Pope Clement V conspired to eliminate the Knights Templar in the 14th century."

While the fate of the Knights Templar after their suppression is unclear, it can be said that the first encampment of Knights Templar in the New World was founded in Boston in 1802 and the first in Michigan in 1851.

This dedication to their local community makes the move from Ann Arbor difficult, but one that has been greatly anticipated.

"The move from Ann Arbor to Belleville is a bittersweet one," Mullins said. "We haven't had a home to call our own since the Ann Arbor Masonic Temple closed six years ago."

"While we've appreciated our ability to meet at Ann Arbor's Calvary United Methodist Church in the interim we've been looking for a larger space for years. Myrtle Lodge No. 89, F&AM, has been gracious enough to allow us the use of the Belleville Masonic Temple."

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"East Side, West Side Gardens" will showcase five gardens in Van Buren Township.

Spanning the township from east to west, these five gardens will showcase a wide spectrum of garden styles. From big gardens to small gardens -- some meticulous, some more relaxed.

One garden features perennials that are as big as shrubs. Another has an entrance with a front yard stream and the sound of falling water. Creative containers are used in a small charming garden and many hostas at another location.

Advance tickets are \$10 each and available at the Belleville Area District Library, Garden Fantasy Greenhouse & Florist, and the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce until July 11.

On the day of the Garden Walk tickets will be \$12 each and available only at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth Street, Belleville. The addresses of the featured gardens, with maps, will be available at the library on the day of the walk.

The Gardener's Marketplace begins at 10 a.m. -- a full hour before the gardens open at 11 a.m. Vendors will showcase their creative wares on the library grounds before and during the Garden Walk. Tickets to the Garden Walk are not necessary to shop.

All proceeds benefit the Belleville Area District Library. For more information, call (734) 699-3291 or visit www.belleville.lib.mi.us.



Independent photo by Jim Otzman

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VBT DDA

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holiday display in 2014) and to replace the lights that shine on the monument with LEDs. Changing the lights to LEDs will be more efficient, she said.

• The opinion survey is now ready to get public input on use of the property the DDA bought at 10101 and 10151 Belleville Road. Those signed up for the DDA newsletter will get it and it will be available on Facebook, as well. Grass-cutting on the property has been put on a regular rotation, she said. Also, the 34th District Court workers were not able to help clean up the property since workers lacked the skill needed to determine what

should be cleared and what saved. There are some old plantings that cannot be replaced, including a yellow iris that no longer can be purchased and a Tulip tree or vine that was brought here from Rhode Island. Pioneer Landscaping will present a proposal on the best way to manage the landscape;

• The test of the emergency sirens on June 6 went as planned and the sirens will be tested on the first Saturday of each month; and

• A meeting has been scheduled by the DDA Finance Committee to review a proposal from Commonwealth Associates on Belleville Road Rights-of-Way Acquisition.

In other business at the June 23 meeting, the DDA:

• Heard DDA member Carol Bird, a Realtor, report that she has given an offer to purchase real property to the people who wanted to sell to the DDA, but they are too busy to reply right now. She said she will keep trying, but they didn't say no to the DDA's offer;

• Heard McKenna consultant Paul Lippens give a presentation on the Belleville Road Walkability Audit he was working on. Members of the DDA planned to walk the area with him on June 25 – an hour-long walk and then a brain-storming session. He pointed out incomplete sidewalk connections, crosswalks lacking on all four intersection crossings, variations in sidewalk quality and width, sidewalks that end in grassland, major barrier/no facilities across I-94, and "goat trails" that indicate places where sidewalks should be. He said the Belleville Road corridor has a high potential for continued development as a walkable Town Center; and

• Heard DDA Deputy Director Lisa Lothringer report on email and Facebook promotions for the DDA district, as well as a printed welcome map and an insert to be placed in the DDA pocket folders for employees who are being relocated to this area. Constellium submitted a request for this type of information for the workers who are being relocated from its Wixom facility to its VBT facility.

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- ### Upcoming Meetings
- Thursday, July 9 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday, July 14 – VBT Local Development Financing Authority, 2 p.m., Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library meeting at 7:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, July 15 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.
 - Monday, July 20 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

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Pearl and Virgil Varner, 1964



Pearl and Virgil Varner, 2015

Virgil, Pearl Varner celebrate 50 years

Virgil and Pearl (Hay) Varner were married 50 years ago on Dec. 26, 1964 at the Community Methodist Church in Romulus.

A 50th anniversary party was held on June 13, 2015 at the Romulus Historical Park pavilion with approximately 100 family and friends attending.

The event was hosted by Lloyd Varner, Charles Avis, Darius Varner, and Linda Osak.

The former Pearl Hay was born in Romulus and graduated from Romulus High School in 1960. She was a teacher for several years and then research assistant at Parke Davis in Ann Arbor. She is currently museum director for the Romulus Historical

Museum.

Virgil was born in Detroit and graduated from Taylor High School in 1961. Virgil ran his own business, Virgil's Electric, for 40 years and also worked for 27 ½ years at 6M Hydra-matic in Ypsilanti. He currently is a member of the Romulus Historical Commission.

The couple's children are Darius Varner and Lloyd Varner, both of Romulus. Virgil and Pearl were blessed with two grandchildren, Hannah Varner and Asa Varner.

The couple met at Lower Huron Park ice rink in 1963 and now live in Van Buren Township, just a mile away.



Fred and Carolyn Bonanni

Fred, Carolyn Bonanni celebrate 60 years

Fred and Carolyn Bonanni of Sumpter Township celebrated 60 years of marriage on May 21, 2015 with a celebration given in their honor on June 14 at Antonio's of Canton, hosted by their family.

Strolling musicians entertained more than 70 family and friends in attendance.

Fred and Carolyn renewed their wedding vows at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville, where they were married 60 years ago.

The couple has three daughters: Sharon Bonanni and her husband Tom Marshal, living in New York; Diane Bonanni in Massachusetts; and Linda (Bruce) Clarke in Washington. They have one grandchild, Greg, son of Diane.

Liberty Gospel Church changes worship time

Pastor Bernie Travis announces that Liberty Gospel church, 105 North Liberty Street, Belleville, will change its Sunday worship time from 3 p.m. to 10 a.m. beginning July 19. Bible study will remain at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

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City Council

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- Approved the Joint and Crack Sealing bid from Michigan Joint Sealing, Inc. of Farmington Hills for \$61,098. The second bidder was Scodeller Construction of Wixom for \$90,708. With a 10% contingency, the project will cost \$67,208 and work is expected to start by Aug. 1. The cost was estimated to be \$130,000. The project involves cleaning and resealing the road joints along Main, Roys and Fifth streets, South Liberty Street, and all of Victoria Commons subdivision. The schedule will be set at the pre-construction meeting and there may be periods of lane closures. Each street will be done one at a time;
- Approved use of the Fourth Street Square

from 7 to 11 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, so the final lighting and other ceremonies of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life can be completed. The local Relay for Life was rained out;

- Postponed discussion on the high garage sale fees during Strawberry Festival week end because the resident who asked for it to be put on the agenda did not attend the meeting. The high cost of garage sales on that week end is because city officials don't want sales that bring buyers into an already packed city;

- Heard city attorney Steve Hitchcock give a presentation on the new Freedom of Information Act rules that went into effect July 1. He provided FOIA request forms and other documents that the council then approved. The city's new rules will provide

FOIA requests free, that would otherwise cost \$20 or under. This is so the city doesn't have to go through all the new paperwork for computing the costs. Although FOIAs may be requested in other formats, if there is any question on what exactly the requestor wants, the city may present a form to fill out;

- Approved raising election workers pay to be more in line with nearby communities. The pay went from \$9 to \$10.50 for election chairmen and \$8 to \$9.50 for inspectors. Although Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Long had asked to raise the \$15 paid for the hour to hour-and-a-half training session to \$20, the council decided to leave it at \$15;

- Approved raising the pay for trade inspectors from \$30 to \$40 per inspection. The application fee has already been raised from \$35 to \$50 to cover the cost;

- Approved the addition of Lincoln Park as a new member of the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority and amendments to the articles of incorporation;

- Approved continuation of the Downriver Wastewater Treatment System Joint Management Committee for another year;

- Approved SMART Municipal Credits of \$3,914 for fiscal year 2016;

- Approved accounts payable of \$159,630.62, minus a request for reimbursement for \$499.99 from Fire Chief Brian Loranger for his purchase of a water/ice rescue uniform at a Washtenaw Mutual Aid meeting. Councilwoman Kim Tindall said his request for reimbursement from the Fire Department's uniform line item without any other paperwork was not appropriate. "My issue is somebody giving us a piece of paper and say reimburse me," Tindall said. Mayor Conley agreed that if the auditor pulled that reimbursement "it would never fly." They will seek more paperwork from Loranger, who had left the meeting;

- Approved the following departmental expenditures in excess of \$500: to Jack Doheny, \$1,838.05 for sweeper repairs, from Major/Local street funds; to Lonnie's Auto Repair, \$3,857.74 for repair of the 2009 Dodge Charger from the General/Police fund; to Michigan Cat, \$6,229.14 for emergency back hoe repair from Major/Local street funds and the Water fund; to Riney Electric, \$705 for labor and electrical supplies for repairs, from the General/DDA and Cemetery funds; and to Wise

Technologies, \$574.20 for computer support from General Fund;

- Discussed the problem with fireworks being used in the city. Mary Talaga said she could hear fragments falling on her new roof. Councilwoman Tindall said she was a little disappointed that she didn't hear any sirens of police in the city enforcing the fireworks ordinance. She said she could have called police, "But I chose not to call";

- Heard City Manager Kollmeyer announce the new play equipment at Village Park will be put up next week and will have an ADA-compliant cement path to it. Also, the work at Horizon Park should be done by next week, Kollmeyer said. She said one of the pieces was floated in earlier that day; and

- Heard Mayor Conley report that the Kona run during Strawberry Festival brought 1,421 registered runners to town on June 19. She said the Kona racers really liked the course.

Five Belleville students get degrees at University of Detroit Mercy

University of Detroit Mercy recently celebrated the commencement of its students from the Undergraduate and Graduate programs, School of Dentistry and School of Law.

The ceremony took place the weekend of May 8 and 9, as nearly 1,500 students walked across the stage at Calihan Hall.

Students from Belleville getting degrees were: Sheila Putnam, Jennifer Daugherty, Joshua Henning, Tsehay Terefe, and Lakisha Mack.

Yavetta Mills graduates from Davenport University

Davenport University announced that Yavetta Mills of Belleville has officially completed a degree in business, technology or health professions at the end of the winter 2014 semester.

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Spanish-speaking Jehovah's Witnesses invited to convention

Jehovah's Witnesses will soon hold their annual convention in Spanish at the Assembly Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 43777 Ecorse Road Belleville. They extend an open invitation for all to attend.

The theme of this year's program is "Imitate Jesus!" or "Imitemos a Cristo" en Espanol.

John Colburn, Jr, a convention spokesman, said: "Jesus, the founder of Christianity, is widely considered as one of the most influential and significant men who ever lived. As Christians, a core belief

of Jehovah's Witnesses is that Jesus lived his life as a model for us to follow.

"The 'Imitate Jesus!' convention will examine Jesus' life, as outlined in the Bible, and emphasize how all -- regardless of their background, lifestyle, or religion -- can benefit in practical ways from his example and teachings.

"A highlight of the program will be the keynote address on Friday morning, entitled "Concealed in Him Are All the Treasures of Wisdom" or "En el estan todos los tesoros de la sabiduría."

Starting this weekend, and continuing for the next three weeks, Jehovah's Witnesses will extend personal invitations in Spanish to Spanish-speaking individuals throughout a wide area of Michigan, Indiana and

Ohio. There is no admission fee. And all are welcome to attend. Conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses are supported entirely by voluntary donations.

The three-day event that is to be held in Spanish in Belleville will begin July 17 at 9:20 a.m. An estimated 2,200 will come to the Belleville Assembly Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses for the Bible-based programs.

Jehovah's Witnesses in the United States are organizing more than 350 conventions (more than 125 will be in Spanish) -- in 24 languages -- in over 100 cities. Worldwide, there are over 8,000,000 Witnesses in more than 115,000 congregations.

Guiding Harbor / Girlstown invites public to open house July 11

The public is invited to an open house and tour of Guiding Harbor/Girlstown, 11875 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township, from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 11.

Girlstown invites the visitors to see how public support helps provide foster care, supervised independent living, and residential treatment services. And, it's Girlstown's way of saying thank you.

For more information, call (734) 697-4804 or visit www.guidingharbor.org.

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes June 15, 2015

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Conley presented a proclamation to Debra Green in honor of her 28 years of service as Library Director.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Smith, Second by Fielder to approve the agenda with changes. To remove Items 8H and 8I due to documents not being available for discussion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of June 1, 2015 with two corrections. The spelling of Colette and to add the word (Tem) to Mayor Pro Tem under City Council comments.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Open Bids – Joint & Crack Sealing

Sealed bids received from: Michigan Joint Sealing of Farmington Hills, MI in the amount of \$61,098.00 and Scodeller Construction of Wixom, MI in the amount of \$90,708.00.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 15-072** to refer bids to Administration and City Engineers for review and recommendation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Open RFQ's – Municipal Accounting Services

Sealed bid received from Plante Moran for a monthly fee of \$6,478.00 beginning July 1, 2015, an increase of 2.5% over the current fee. Effective July 1, 2016 and annually thereafter, monthly rates will increase 2.5% and the audit preparation fee will continue to be \$15,000.00 per year.

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 15-073** to accept the bid received from Plante Moran and continue to contract with them accounting services.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Authorization to Proceed with Construction of the Sanitary Sewer

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 15-074** to approve the recommendation for City of Belleville to proceed with the construction of the Sanitary Sewer Project and approve the construction inspection and construction administration fees associated with the project at a cost not to exceed \$40,140.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Fee for Utility Consumers for SRF Project Loan Repayment

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 15-075**, to approve a monthly fee for utility customers for SRF project loan repayment in the amount of \$2.58.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Proposed Water Rates

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 15-076** to approve a decrease in the water commodity rate from \$.00721 to \$.00613 per gallon and an increase of the fixed monthly charge per consumer to \$13.84 effective July 1, 2015 and to take out a ¼ page ad in the Belleville Area Independent explaining the increased monthly fee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. FY2014/15 Budget Amendments

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 15-077** to approve budget amendments as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

G. FY2014/15 Fee Schedule

Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to approve **Resolution No. 15-078** to approve the FY2014/15 Fee Schedule as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

H. Annual Bridgeway Date

Motion by Smith, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 15-079** to approve the 20th Annual Belleville Bridgeway on Thursday, August 20, 2015 at 5:30 P.M. in conjunction with the CBC Taste of Belleville.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 15-080** to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 as presented.

AYES: Conley, Fielder, Loria, Smith

NAYS: Tindall

MOTION CARRIED.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations.

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 15-081** to recess regular meeting and enter into Executive Session at 9:25 P.M. Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:30 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Long, CMC

Approved: July 6, 2015

Published: July 9, 2015

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE

NOMINATING PETITIONS AVAILABLE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE,
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Nominating Petitions for the Regular City Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan, Monday – Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. for the following offices:

Mayor – Term ending 2019
Two (2) City Council Members – Terms ending 2019

Deadline for submission of Nominating Petitions is Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 4:00 P.M.

Notice is hereby given in conformity with the Michigan Election Law and the City Charter of the City of Belleville, Michigan.

Lisa Long
City Clerk

Publish: July 9, 2015
July 16, 2015

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville JULY BOARD OF REVIEW



The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the City of Belleville will meet at City Hall, 6 Main Street on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.

The purpose of the meeting will be to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact.

Property assessments can only be changed for:

1. Homestead exemption status.
2. Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify under item 1 or 2 should call Belleville City Hall at 734-697-9323 ext. 7016 prior to July 21, 2015.

Lisa Long
City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish: July 9, 2015

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Current Job Opening



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
Current Job Opening



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT

OPENING DATE: 07/01/2015

CLOSING DATE: Open until Filled

DEPARTMENT: Water & Sewer Division/Building & Grounds

SALARY: Annual Salary of \$56,840 plus Benefits Compensation Package

General Duty Statement:

Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting resumes for Department of Public Works Superintendent

Detailed information can be found on the Van Buren Township website.

www.vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted

Please submit a cover letter, resume and three professional references to:

vbthr@vanburen-mi.org

Only Qualified Applicants Need Apply

The Charter Township of Van Buren is an equal opportunity employer

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Job Vacancy Posting



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
JOB VACANCY POSTING



Position Title: Plan Reviewer and Building Inspector

Department: Planning and Development

Classification: Regular, Full-time

FLSA Status: Non-exempt

Union Affiliation: AFSCME

Opening Date: April 21, 2015

Closing Date: Open Until Filled

Starting Hourly Wage: \$19.76

91 Day Hourly Wage: \$20.77

18 Month Hourly Wage: \$21.77

General Duty Statement:

Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting resumes for Plan Reviewer and Building Inspector.

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Family Field Day, 5K set July 11 at Metropark to earn funds for DUO

A Family Field Day and 5K run/walk will be held Saturday, July 11 in the Tulip Tree Picnic Area of Lower Huron Metro Park, 17845 Savage Road, Belleville.

Registration for the 5K Fun Run/Walk runs from 8 to 9 a.m., with VFW Post 4434 Honor Guard kicking off the run/walk at 9 a.m. There will be complimentary refreshments, giveaways, and awards.

The Family Field Day starts at 11 a.m. and features softball, bounce house, dunk tank, games and more. The public is invited to bring their picnic baskets and enjoy the park amenities, rain or shine.

Register by visiting www.wwduo.org.

The events are to raise money to help

DUO (Do Unto Others) tend to the needs of those who have intellectual disabilities or are affected by them in some way.

The Wayne-Westland DUO helps support the Wayne-Westland Special Olympics athletic teams by providing equipment, jerseys and clothing, transportation, food and beverage, and other specified needs.

Individuals and families with special needs from the Belleville area are served by the Wayne-Westland DUO.

Registration is \$35 per participant for the walk/run. Participants are also welcome to pay a reduced fee of \$15 for the Field Day activities only. All local Special Olympic athletes are invited to attend the day's activities for only \$5.

For information on becoming a sponsor for the 5K, call Theresa Gutierrez, 5K Director, at (734) 277-3547 or 5KFieldDay@wwduo.org.



Sumpter Township Public Notice



Sumpter Township Notice of Public Hearing Variance

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Sumpter Township Zoning Board of Appeals on July 30, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, for the purpose of receiving statements and views on a proposed Variance on #81-030-99-0005-000 better known as 19780 Karr. The Variance request does not meet set back requirements, per Sumpter Township Ordinance, Section 5.3(a) states an accessory building in AG shall not be located closer than twenty (20) feet to side property line. Proposed garage would be eleven feet 11' from side lot line.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.

Clerk

Sumpter Township

Publish July 9, 2015

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Current Job Opening



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
Current Job Opening



Planning and Economic Development Director

OPENING DATE: 06/08/15

CLOSING DATE: Open until Filled

DEPARTMENT: Developmental Services

SALARY: Annual Salary of \$70,000 plus Benefits Compensation Package

General Duty Statement:

Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting resumes for Planning and Economic Development Director.

Detailed information can be found on the Van Buren Township website.

www.vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted

Please submit a cover letter, resume and current salary history to:
vbthr@vanburen-mi.org

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Van Buren Township
Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 732 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, June 28:
0109 – shots fired, Birch Dr.
0219 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0239 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1110 – shots fired, Bemis Rd.
1419 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1441 – disorderly conduct, Denton
1534 – larceny, Lake Pointe Blvd.
1544 – private property accident, Jackson Ln.
1544 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1545 – private property accident, BP Belleville Rd.
1816 – shots fired, Riggs Rd.
1939 – disorderly conduct, Outer Dr.
2209 – fireworks, Ormond Dr./W. Huron River
2210 – fireworks, Maple Dr.
2213 – shots fired, Dellor St./Michigan Ave.
2231 – breaking & entering, E. Archwood Dr.
2246 – fireworks, Filmore St./Buchanan St.

Monday, June 29:
0007 – disorderly conduct, Parkwood Dr.
1041 – private property accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1246 – harassment call, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1311 – breaking & entering, Locust Dr.
1531 – fraud, Dartmoor Cir.
1638 – fraud, E. Sadie Ln.
1832 – fireworks, Bog Rd.
1836 – missing person, Belleville
1927 – disturbance, Parkwood Dr.
1940 – suspicious person, McDonald Rawsonville
1944 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
2013 – overdose, Park Estates
2024 – missing person, Denton Rd.
2028 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Rawsonville Rd.
2135 – harassment call, Meadows Ln.
2143 – fireworks, Filmore St./Buchanan St.
2148 – noise complaint, Farm Rd./W. Huron River

Tuesday, June 30:
0323 – noise complaint, Outer Dr.
0811 – harassment call, Tyler Rd.
0811 – personal injury accident, WB I-94 / Rawsonville
0929 – malicious destruction of property, N. Cumberland Dr.
0954 – larceny from auto, N. Cumberland Dr.
1006 – private property accident, Van Born Rd.
1118 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1247 – disturbance, Ecorse
1310 – fraud, Bemis Rd.
1311 – harassment call, Outer Dr.
1328 – disorderly conduct, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1334 – juvenile complaint, Denton Rd.
1418 – private property accident, Belleville
1525 – missing person, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1659 – malicious destruction of property, N. Cumberland Dr.
1721 – fireworks, Belleville Rd.
1840 – animal bite, Huron River Dr.
2248 – shots fired, Village Green Ln.

Wednesday, July 1:
0035 – fireworks, Lighthouse Dr.
0139 – fireworks, Belleville Rd.
0249 – larceny from auto, Westlake
0559 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0958 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1439 – fraud, Haggerty Rd.
1628 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1827 – suicide or attempt, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1839 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2004 – malicious destruction of property, Montague Ave.
2043 – disorderly conduct, Parkside Dr.
2142 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
2155 – fireworks, N. Ponderosa Trl./Belleville Rd.
2159 – fireworks, Parkwood Dr.
2206 – fireworks, Rolan Meadows Dr./Tyler Rd.
2241 – fireworks, Bayna Ct./Jeremy Rd.
2339 – assault & battery, Lake Villa Dr.

Thursday, July 2:
0133 – family trouble, Bemis Rd./Elwell Rd.
0331 – assault & battery, Quirk Rd.

0353 – unauthorized driving away of auto, E. Archwood Dr.
0700 – assault & battery, Tyler Rd.
1001 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1536 – intimidation threat, Hanover Dr.
1937 – noise complaint, Wildbrook Dr./Savage Rd.
2012 – intimidation threat, Outer Dr.
2157 – fireworks, Springwood Blvd.
2318 – fireworks, E. Huron River Dr.
2347 – juvenile complaint, Bemis Rd.

Friday, July 3:
0004 – fireworks, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0028 – assault & battery, Village Green Ln. / Meadows Cir.
0956 – larceny, Denton Rd.
1018 – disorderly conduct, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1035 – narcotics crime, Belleville Rd.
1334 – intimidation threat, Rawsonville Rd.
1614 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1718 – missing person, Sawgrass Ct.
1726 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1805 – harassment call, Oak Ln.
2011 – property damage accident, Ormond Dr. / W. Huron River Dr.

2058 – intimidation threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2231 – noise complaint, Greenbriar Dr.
2356 – fireworks, Springwood Blvd.

Saturday, July 4:
0006 – fireworks, Patty Ln./Jeremy Rd.
0045 – fireworks, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0047 – fireworks, Redwood Dr.
0101 – fireworks, Hamilton St./Jackson St.
0127 – juvenile complaint, Michigan Ave.
0204 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd. / Tyler Rd.

0328 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0438 – assault & battery, Outer Dr.
0448 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1042 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1649 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Beck
2019 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
2115 – child abuse, Victoria St.
2145 – fight, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2146 – fireworks, Riggs Rd.
2151 – fireworks, Denton Rd.
2215 – fireworks, N. Cumberland Dr.
2236 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.
2307 – shots fired, Springwood Blvd.
2309 – noise complaint, Fisher Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 237 traffic stops, 50 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police
Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 28:
0128 – suspicious vehicle, Sam’s Place
0714 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
1233 – juvenile complaint, St. Anthony’s
1234 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1923 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
2054 – property damage accident, W. Columbia / High

2323 – fireworks, N. Liberty St.
2338 – noise complaint, S. Aberdeen Ct.

Monday, June 29:
0053 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
1310 – civil matter, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1329 – harassment call, W. Columbia Ave.
1434 – civil matter, Carmell St.
1826 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Belle Villa Blvd.
1834 – assist citizen, E. Thornhill Ct.
1845 – suspicious situation, Village Park
2322 – domestic assault, Clarence St.

Tuesday, June 30:
0037 – suspicious person, E. Huron River Dr. / Bedell St.
0939 – missing person, E. Waterbury Ct.
0941 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1156 – suspicious person, Capistrano Ct.
1456 – suspicious person, Main St.
1522 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1540 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1622 – disturbance, Loza Ln.
1720 – warrant arrest, Washtenaw Co. Jail
2102 – vehicle lockout, South St.
2254 – agency assist, Village Green
2359 – parking complaint, Main St.

Wednesday, July 1:
1017 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1422 – trespassing, Menlo Park Dr. / Belle Villa Blvd.
1854 – all other traffic, Victorian Ln./N. Aberdeen Ct.
1952 – assist fire dept., Fourth St.
2031 – malicious destruction of property, Sumpter
2207 – disorderly conduct, S. Aberdeen Ct.
2348 – breaking & entering, N. Biggs Ave.

Thursday, July 2:
0055 – assist fire dept., E. Waterbury Ct.
0934 – intrusion alarm, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1100 – civil matter, Astor Pl.
1103 – welfare check, Biggs Ave.
1734 – traffic complaint, Chase Bank
2009 – civil matter, Main St.
2151 – assist fire dept., Owen St.
2214 – information, Owen St.
2221 – fireworks, Owen St.
2310 – disorderly conduct, Belle Villa Blvd.

Friday, July 3:
0304 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
0904 – vehicle inspection, S. Industrial Park Dr.
0928 – intrusion alarm, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1021 – warrant arrest, Canton PD
1247 – disorderly conduct, Main St.
1450 – suspicious person, N. Liberty St.
1534 – vehicle lockout, Victorian Ln.
1652 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
1917 – assist fire dept., Main St.
2054 – assist fire dept., W. Huron River Dr. / Harbour Pointe
2200 – suspicious situation, Henry St.
2325 – pbt alcohol, Main St.
2338 – suspicious vehicle, South St.

Saturday, July 4:
0135 – suspicious situation, N. Liberty St.
0139 – noise complaint, Loza Ln.
0351 – fireworks, Loza Ln.
1229 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
1545 – civil matter, Carmell St.
1759 – larceny, Victory Park
2045 – fireworks, E. Huron River Dr.
2109 – disturbance, Johnny’s Grill
2220 – fireworks, Loza Ln.
2221 – vehicle lockout, Potter Dr.
2301 – information, W. Thornhill Ct.
2311 – trespassing, Hull Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 124 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township
Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 28:
0022 – fireworks complaint, Wear/Bohn
0051 – property damage accident, Harris/Haggerty
0823 – subpoena service, Rustic Ln.
0850 – 911 hang up, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
0932 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0946 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1223 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1520 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1700 – warrant pickup, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1730 – reckless driver complaint, Rustic Ln.
1804 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1848 – suspicious vehicle, Texas
2029 – fireworks complaint, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.

Monday, June 29:
0916 – alarm, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1154 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1202 – alarm, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1232 – ORV complaint, Sumpter/Willis
1433 – warrant pick up, out of township
1437 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1506 – suspicious person, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1608 – larceny, Edgewood
1713 – mental health commitment, 48000 bl. Wear
1812 – ORV complaint, Paris/Sumpter
1903 – well-being check, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1918 – warrant pick up, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
2019 – threats complaint, Rustic Ln.
2041 – open burning complaint, 46000 bl. Traskos
2348 – breaking & entering report, California

Tuesday, June 30:
0837 – property damage accident, 44000 bl. Wear
1254 – shots fired, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1350 – warrant pick up, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1515 – civil dispute, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1521 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1529 – civil dispute, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1541 – animal complaint, Magnolia
1947 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.

Wednesday, July 1:
1122 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1626 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1756 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1810 – ORV complaint, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.
1811 – property damage accident, Judd / Rawsonville

1824 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1942 – assist other agency, 9100 bl. Rawsonville

Thursday, July 2:
0140 – assist other agency, Bemis/Elwell
0245 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willow / Elwell
0327 – lost property, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1021 – recovered missing person, Third St.
1150 – recovered missing person, 49000 bl. Judd
1334 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1653 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1807 – reckless driver complaint, 47000 bl. Judd
1815 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1821 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
2017 – disorderly person, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
2119 – suicide, 17000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Friday, July 3:
0800 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0821 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0823 – civil dispute, Second St.
1009 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1119 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1317 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1654 – property damage accident, 44000 bl. Clay
1656 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1700 – disorderly person, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1814 – ordinance violaltion, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1908 – disorderly person, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
2108 – well-being check, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2124 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
2143 – ORV complaint, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
2205 – civil dispute, 39000 bl. Wear Rd.

Saturday, July 4:
0009 – well-being check, Texas
0246 – suspicious person, Sumpter/Paris
0945 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1355 – harassment complaint, 28000 bl. Elwell
1431 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 9400 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1524 – well-being check, Texas
1529 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1552 – alarm, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1707 – well-being check, Texas
2122 – alarm, 48000 bl. Sherwood Ct.
2156 – suspicious incident, Greenmeadow
2159 – assault, Greenmeadow
2227 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Rawsonville/Arkona

2316 – suspicious incident, 13000 bl. Rawsonville

Also on this week’s log are 14 follow-up investigations, 25 miscellaneous details, 114 patrol checks, and 32 traffic stops.

Western Michigan
University announces
local students graduate

Western Michigan University has announced that the following nine students who live in Belleville graduated during the Spring Semester ceremony in May.

- Shevonne Latresa Holt earned a master of arts degree in Educational Technology;
- Shekinah J. Hudson earned a bachelor of arts in Interpersonal Communications;
- Keith Darnell Kelsey II earned a bachelor of music in Music Education: Instrumental Secondary;
- Jenna E. Lanzetta earned a bachelor of arts in Public Relations; and
- Eric David Mitchell earned a bachelor of business administration in Integrated Supply Management, *cum laude*.

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KK Fashion & Alteration is now open at 767 Sumpter Road in the Belle Plaza. Owner and seamstress **Karen Nelson** is offering 20% off services for first-time customers. They're open Monday through Friday, from 4 to 8 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Their new website is still under construction but will be www.kkfashionandalteration.com when up and running. Call **(734) 796-3895**.

This Sunday is the **Belleville Area**

Tai Chi for Health
Saturday, July 18, 10am
Belleville Area District Library



Instructor John Plevinski will lead an introduction to this martial art that combines breathing and relaxation with soft, flowing movements. You will learn about the origin and benefits of Tai Chi as well as some basic movements.

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Garden Walk, featuring east and west side gardens around town, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each in advance and are available at the library during regular business hours and at **Garden Fantasy Greenhouse** on Haggerty Road. Tickets are \$12 the day of the event and available only at the library. Proceeds go to the library. Call **(734) 699-3291**. There will also be a garden market place opening at 10 a.m. featuring vendors selling pottery, glass, sculptures, bird houses, yard and floral art, stone jewelry, and of course flowers, hanging baskets and much more.

The **Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue** in Sumpter Township are holding their monthly pet adoption event at **Petco** of Westland on Warren Avenue across from Westland Mall on Saturday, July 18, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pets can get microchipped for just \$25. Call **(734) 635-9141** for info.

The **Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Music Lakeside Concert Series** continues tonight with **Monsieur Guillaume and His Zydeco Hepcats**, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Horizon Park. The concert is free. Rain location is inside Belleville United Methodist Church.

The **Belleville Church of God** on Hull Road is giving away free food on Thursday, July 16, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The church's pantry gives away perishable and non-perishable food the third Thursday of each month. To reserve some for pick-up, call JoAnne at (734) 697-1142 or the church at (734) 697-0927.

The **Trilogy Apartments** in Belleville on the North Service Drive at Haggerty Road are now managed by **Lease Up!**

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**Methodist Church to
host Peter Nielsen at
Sunday's services**

Peter Nielsen, a successful health and fitness expert who brings a message of hope and faith as he travels around the country, will speak at both the 9 and 10:30 a.m. services on Sunday, July 12, at First United Methodist Church in Belleville.

At the age of 15, Nielsen was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease and weighed only 86 pounds. Although he was expected to have his life cut short, he astonished his family, friends, and doctors.

A period of soul searching transformed his attitude toward his health, his body, and his life. So began the dedication to health, fitness, and lifestyle that propelled to the top of the world of body building, earning him titles like Mr. International Universe, Mr. World, and more than 50 others.

Nielsen went on to become the first national bodybuilder selected for collector's trading cards.

Nielsen vows to continue to help as many people as possible and to enjoy each and every day. His goal is to motivate and educate America and abroad about fitness and health.



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